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Attached for DCI signature is a response to the Vice President's memo of 7 January which sets forth Dr. Bernard Taurer's observations on the Soviet leadership.

Study of the Vice President's memo and the proposed response were undertaken by who is in charge of the OCI component charged with analysis of Soviet affairs. The DD/I has seen and approves the propose
suggestion is that the Vice President will find interesting the attached book by Nicolaevsky. An introduction by George Kennan in particular is viewed as providing useful background.
Recommend signature.

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